## GEN. GUERRA REJECTS OFFER OF ARMISTICE

**The Rebels Dynamite English Railroad Bridges.**

**CLOSING IN ON PINAR DEL RIO.**

**San Juan de Martinez in the Hands of the Insurgents—Liberal Leaders Decline to Consider Further Negotiations for Peace—Crisis Increasing.**

NO PEACE FOR PALMA.

The government has declared for a 10-day armistic, but Pino Guerra, commander of the rebel forces, will not accept it.

The insurgents have dynamited two Western Railway bridges between Pinar del Rio and San Luis, blocking the advance of the government troops.

Guerra is also reported to have taken San Juan de Martinez.

Rapid-fire guns and troops have been hurried forward to protect workmen sent to restore rail communication.

Liberal leaders decline to consider further negotiations for peace.

Managers of large foreign business interests in Havana express the belief that the Palma government cannot subdue the rebels.

Government troops are deserting to the insurgents at Cienfuegos.

Fighting continues in Santa Clara Province, but the casualties are not heavy.

Havana (Special)—All peace overtures are blocked by the refusal of Pino Guerra, the insurgent leader in Pinar del Rio Province, to enter into any arrangement for an armistice. Guerra's answer to the government's announcement of its readiness to grant a 10-day armistice is the blowing up of two bridges on the Western Railway, the cutting of railway communication beyond Pinar del Rio City and an attack on San Juan de Martinez.

It is believed here that San Juan de Martinez is in the hands of the insurgents and that the garrison, consisting of 100 government recruits and a small force of mounted rural guards, has been defeated or captured. Guerra is closing in upon Pinar del Rio City.

The fact that other leaders of the insurrection are willing to agree to an armistice can have little effect, so long as Guerra is determined to prosecute the war, and there is slight doubt in any quarter that Guerra can control the situation in his province.

His force is reported by all those who have visited him recently as ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 men, all of them well mounted and some of them well and others indifferently armed. The government forces opposed to him, which is under command of Colonel Avalos, comprises about 1,000 men. It was reinforced by Lieutenant Colonel Clews with 150 men and three machine guns from Havana. Colonel Avalos' force, with the exception of small detachments left at San Juan de Martinez and San Luis, is at Pinar del Rio City, but is without means of transportation to go to the relief of San Juan de Martinez. Not more than 400 of them are mounted.

General Menocal said that Guerra evidently had not been informed that the government had actually, although informally, granted an armistice, adding that a second commander had been sent to him. The fact is, however, that Guerra refuses point-blank to accept an armistice except on condition that the presidential and congressional elections shall be annulled. That the government should consent to this is out of the question, and every prospect points to the continuance of the war.

**Cut Off Their Heads.**

Columbus Grove, O., (Special).—Mrs. Henry Kuhpen, wife of a farmer living east of Cloverdale, Putnam County, decapitated her two children—a boy, aged three, and a girl, aged one and a half years old. Mrs. Kuhpen then went to the home of a neighbor and told what she had done. She asked the neighbor to go and see the children. The boy's head was completely cut off. The girl's head was completely severed and was found near the body. A carving knife was used. The woman was discharged recently from the Toledo State Hospital for Insane.

**Arms For Insurgents.**

Havana (Special).—It is reported that a filibustering expedition form New York recently landed on the coast of Havana Province, bringing which were delivered to the insurgents. A secret envoy from the Province of Santiago came to the city and reported that the war in the eastern provinces is progressing. General Menocal is still hopeful.

**Earthquake In The West.**

Princeton, Ind. (Special).—A distinct earth shock was felt at 10:23 o'clock A. M. Houses rocked and dishes rattled as others. The shock lasted for two or three seconds, and was felt in towns and cities within 50 miles of Princeton. The shock was preceded by a loud rumbling noise.

**Losses Due To Theft.**

New York.—Max Jacobs was arraigned in Police Court charged with receiving stolen goods. He was held in $2,000 bail for further examination. Detectives who arraigned the man stated in court in connection with the fact that the docks and wharves of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Desbrosses Street, North River, had been frequently robbed and that a prominent official told them the losses in the past few months aggregated between $20,000 and $40,000.

**Parboiled In Hot Water.**

Detroit, Mich. (Special).— John Mielke, laborer at the plant of the Railway Steel Company, is dead after having been parboiled in a tank of hot water. Mielke's shoes had become greasy from walking about the engine room, and as he was passing the pit, which received the boiling water from cylinders of the engine, he slipped and fell headlong into the scalding liquid. He was entirely immersed, being practically parboiled from head to foot before five hours suffered most intense agony until death brought relief.

## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

**Domestic.**

On warrants charging embezzlement and making false returns, sworn out by a depositor of the wrecked Real Estate Trust Company, Adolph Segal, promoter; William F. North, treasurer, and M. S. Collingwood, assistant treasurer of the wrecked institution, were arrested and arraigned before Magistrate Kobbesperger at Central Police Court. They were released on bond.

Former friends of Herman Oelrichs said after the funeral that his entire estate, amounting to more than $2,000,000, would revert to his 13-year-old son Hermann, who would come into full possession of the property upon attaining his majority.

The value of Adolph Segal's bonds and stocks was shown in Philadelphia when "$25,000 worth" of Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company first mortgage 5 per cent. gold coupons, due in 1931, brought $2,500 at auction.

Miss Anne Morgan, aged 37 years, died suddenly of heart trouble, the attack following a dream that a colored man entered her room.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White will not take place in New York until after the election.

The striking street car men of San Francisco have agreed to return to work upon the condition that differences be arbitrated.

A junta is said to be collecting funds and supplies in New Orleans for a revolution in the Central American republics.

In the Irrigation Congress at Boise, Idaho, Senator Heyburn made an attack upon the President's forestry policy.

The court review has set October 19 as the date of the hearing of the appeal of Rev. Dr. Crapsey, of Rochester, who was found guilty of charges of heresy.

Collins Humbert and Lenardo Villareal were arrested in Tucson, Ariz., on the charge of attempting to organize a revolutionary movement against Mexico.

Robert Cotton, colored, who last August murdered his wife, literally eating her body into pieces, was executed in Visita, I. T. He confessed.

Robbers bound and gagged Cashier P. W. Manacher and leisurely looted the State Bank of Ranier, Oregon.

Miss Frances Wadsworth, of Newark, N. J., was drowned while bathing at Bradley Beach.

A Mexican gunboat seized the American fishing smack Aloha and put her crew in prison.

Rev. Dr. Francis R. Beattie died in Louisville, Ky.

Joseph DeP. Junkin, a director and solicitor of the Real Estate Trust Company, admitted that the Arlington Brook Real Estate Company, of Baltimore, of which he was the head, had borrowed $250,000 from the trust company.

In a letter to Charles A. Stillings, public printer, President Roosevelt wrote that if the changes in spelling advocated by the Simplified Spelling Board meet popular approval they will be made permanent.

Mrs. Anna Edelbarts was killed and Miss Anna Robinson seriously injured in a street car panic in Chicago, caused by a short circuit in the controller box.

After a two-hour search bloodhounds found John Dowd, a boy who had wandered from his home, in Sandersfield, New York, several days ago.

A statement of the Department of Commerce says that cotton was king, according to the export record of the past fiscal year.

In a fight with state police at Punxsutawney, Pa., Italians killed two officers, fatally wounded another and shot three more.

In a fire at Louisville, Ky., Henry Taylor was suffocated and three other persons severely overcome. The property loss is $5,000.

Mrs. Jane Austin, "the washerwoman murderess," is dying at her home, in McKeesport, Pa., of bloodpoisoning.

**Foreign.**

Paul O'Chesnaud, president of the wrecked Chesnaud Bank, who was arrested in Tangier, will be returned to the United States without opposition from the Moroccan authorities.

The King Haakon sent a congratulatory message to Capt. Roald Amundsen, who discovered the Northwest Passage.

An official communication was published in St. Petersburg, which embodies the whole government program.

Dominican revolutionists are reported to have been defeated by government forces near Monte Cristi.

The Trades Union Congress in Liverpool adopted a resolution in favor of an eight-hour day.

The trial of 200 Russian mutineers was begun behind closed doors at Cronstadt.

Two earthquake shocks are reported to have occurred at the Island of Hilo.

Albert Tissandier, the famous French aeronaut, died in Paris.

The Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, accompanied by Grand Duke Michael, brother of the Czar, sailed for Denmark. The Czar and the Czarina accompanied them for some distance, but returned to Peterhof.

The British battleship Lord Nelson, sister ship of the Agamemnon and second in size and armament to the Dreadnought, was successfully launched at Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Floods in the basin of the Ganges, in India, have swept away whole villages and caused enormous destruction.

Efforts to pull the United States battleship Georgia off the coral reef off Oahu Island, Hawaii, have been abandoned, and the vessel will probably be a total loss. All the passengers have been landed.

The enlistment of General Trepoff from the governorship of the Czar's palace is believed to be due to the recent outbreaks of terrorism. He is one of the terrorists' marked men.

Derzhavine, the secret director of the German Colonial Office, who is described as being more American than German, has his financial methods.

The murderess of the Russian general, Min, has been identified as the daughter of a noncommissioned officer in the army.

The new law providing for a weekly day of rest in France went into effect, but the stores and cafes in Paris were open Sunday, as usual.

The Hamburg-American Steamship Company announced a plan to issue $5,000,000 new capital, making a total of $30,000,000.

## MR. M'CABE OUSTED BY THE COMMITTEE

**The Policy Holders Unanimous in Retiring the Bishop.**

**ADDRESS SENT HIM IN TIME.**

**His Protest, the Internationals Declare, Shows Lack of Sympathy With the Movement and Amounts to Surrender of Membership—Warns Policy Holders.**

New York, (Special).—The international policy holders' committee, at a meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria ousted Bishop Charles C. McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, from membership on the committee. This was the committee's answer to the bishop's letter, made public through the management of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, asserting that he had not authorized the use of his name in a committee address, and urging that the international organization indorse the administration ticket of the two mutual companies.

Eighteen of twenty-two members of the committee were present at the meeting, and the vote to dispense with the bishop's services was unanimous.

Bishop McCabe's attitude, the committee held, was so completely out of sympathy with the announced purposes of the organization that it amounted in effect to a surrender of his membership. The bishop was not present at the meeting.

The resolutions adopted stated that copies of the proposed address were furnished to Bishop McCabe before the meeting at which the address, as adopted, was mailed at least three days before the address was distributed, and no objection to the decision was made by him as to the form of the address for four days after its distribution, nor until the letter of August 27.

The chairman is authorized to prepare an answer to the bishop's letter.

The international committee at the meeting also selected the men whom it will present on the policy holders' tickets for trustees of the Mutual and New York life. In selecting the former ticket the international organization cooperated with the Mutual Life Policy Holders' Association. The tickets will not be made public until September 18, the date on which they will be filed in Albany.

A subject discussed was the action of the Mutual Life Insurance Company in nominating Judge George Gray, Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy, Col. Alfred M. Shook, and Harlow B. Higinbotham, members of the international policy holders' committee, as trustees, against their wishes. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the placing of the names of the four nominees of the committee on the administration ticket of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, without the consent and against the protest of those whose names were placed on it, does not deceive the policy holders who are united upon it to vote, and deserves the reprobation of fair-minded men.

**KISSES WERE HIS FEE.**

**Client Was Pretty Woman, And Lawyer Was Satisfied.**

Catskill, N. Y., (Special).—Kisses as legal tender for a lawyer's fee, where the client is young and pretty and the barrister unmarried, have been pronounced a success. Winning a case for a pretty Swedish girl, Miss Bowers, a young lawyer, was smothered with kisses by his client when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty on the charge of assaulting her landlady.

His Stockholm, he interesting client, said she had no money, but that she was quite satisfied to accept the payment tendered. Counsel for the Plaintiff said he wished he had the other side's case; he saw Miss Stockholm imprint several resounding smacks on Power lips.

**Iowa's Big Corn Crop.**

Des Moines, Iowa, (Special).—Iowa's corn crop this year will equal the stupendous yield of $81,000,000 bushels. This is the startling estimate made by George L. Wells, secretary of the Iowa Grain Dealers' Association. It is the final estimate of the season's crops. Wells insists that the figures are conservative and that with a satisfactory September the crop could go for a yield of over 400,000,000 bushels. The total estimate is an increase of 36,000,000 bushels over last year's yield. This will be a yield of 38.5 bushels per acre.

**Eighteen Injured.**

Peru, Ind., (Special).—A Port Wayne and Wabash Valley traction car ran into a open bridge south of this city to repair a broken trolley and another car, coming down the grade at a high speed, crashed into the standing car. Eighteen persons were injured, three of them seriously.

**Bartlett For Seventh Term.**

Macon, Ga., (Special).—The Democratic convention of the Sixth Congressional district met in this city and re-nominated Charles L. Bartlett for Congress, this being his seventh term.

**Will Remarry First Wife.**

Chicago, (Special).—The remarkable case of Hiramie Charles H. Frye, who disappeared for 31 years and lived as Charles H. Goddard, the husband of another woman, came to an end, when Clara Emelia Frye, his first wife obtained a divorce from the quondam educator and lawyer. The decree opens the way for Frye to remarry Mrs. Clara Goddard, the woman he took as a wife in Hurley, S. D., over 26 years ago. The marriage will take place in a few days, probably in South Dakota.

**Adulteration of Seed.**

Washington (Special).—In accordance with an act of Congress, the Agriculture Department has obtained and tested seed of alfalfa from various dealers throughout the country, and published a list of those firms whose produce was found to be adulterated. In all 352 samples of alfalfa seed were examined. Of these 160, or nearly one-half, were found to contain seed of the destructive parasitic plant dodder, nine samples adulterated with seed of yellow trefoil and nine samples adulterted with burclover.

## AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

**Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.**

The Navy Department has received dispatches from Commander Coffman, of the cruiser Boston, which is now in Bellingham Harbor, Wash., after having been injured by grounding on Peabody Rock that the water in the vessel's hold is under control.

Brigadier General W. S. McCoskry, commanding the southwestern division, says in his annual report that long marches by infantry are unnecessary hardships and will have disastrous effects upon enlistments.

The director of the mint opened bids for silver, all of which were declined on account of the price being too high. The lowest offer made was 67⅞ cents per fine ounce.

A booklet was issued by the Public Printer giving a list of words which are to be spelled according to the new rule.

Restoration of the canteen is recommended by Brigadier General William S. McCaskey, commanding the Southwestern Division of the army.

Captain Smith, of the revenue cutter Dallas, was instructed to make a report of the desertions from his ship.

The Navy Department is establishing wireless telegraph stations on the Pacific Coast.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward 7. Covington, U. S. A., retired, died at Los Angeles, Cal.

Col. James Pettit, Eighth United States Infantry, died of Bright's disease.

Secretary Bonaparte, of the Navy Department, has received an answer to the letter of the court of inquiry which investigated the collision between the battleships Illinois and Alabama at the Hampton Roads harbor on July 31. The court recommended that Lieut. Alfred W. Pressey, officer of the deck at the time of the collision, and Capt. Samuel P. Comly, in command of the Alabama, be tried by court-martial for neglect in having their vessel to be exposed to injury.

The United States Fish Commission's report on the disastrous but comparatively steady decline in government securities, but a boom in the stock market soon subsided.

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## THE BOMBS DO QUICKER WORK

**Revolutionaries' Reply To New Russian Policy.**

**ARE NOT AFRAID OF EXECUTIONS.**

**Declare the Government Can Kill Individuals, but Cannot Kill Ideas—Premier Stolypin's Latest Program Is Considered Only Another Half-way Measure.**

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—"We are not afraid of executions with 24 hours, as bombs act within 24 seconds. The government can kill individuals, but it cannot kill ideas."

This is the glat of the reply made by revolutionaries to the program of governmental reforms announced by the premier.

Only sarcastic comments are heard upon the new policy, which provides for military court-martials for political crimes, increased penalties for revolutionary propaganda, remotest and greater provincial autonomy for Poland and the Baltic provinces, the establishment of an income tax, reform of the civil police and the removal of useless restrictions upon Jews.

Opinion generally regards the government's program as a weak and halfway measure, which will not do the slightest good. The people ask how the Czar hopes to stop agitation for reformation at the central government by granting provincial autonomy which cannot be obtained except owing to strikes, a state of extraordinary defense has been established in nearly every province. Nor will the government's promise to alter the income tax when it has been unable to collect the more simple direct taxes.

No reason can be seen, either, for the reform of the civil police as the prisoners can be tried at court-martials. The military police are also condemned without witnesses being heard in their behalf, as the new program provides.

The establishment of extraordinary military courts to try political prisoners is regarded as ending the wavering relation of justice in the empire.

Three columns were devoted by the Official Messenger to printing a list of political crimes committed since the first of the year. The evident purpose is to impress upon the people the horror of such deeds.

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## ASK SULTAN FOR STENSLAND

**Authorities Planning To Get the Fugitive By Chicago's Aid.**

Springfield, Ill. (Special).—Governor Deneen Tuesday issued a request to President Roosevelt that the United States government make a request upon the government of Morocco as a matter of grace for the extradition of Paul O. Stensland, the president of the Milwaukee Avenue Bank of Chicago, and that he be delivered to Police Inspector George M. Shippy and Harry Olsen, of Chicago, assistant state's attorney of Cook County, or either of them.

Armed with this document and the copies of original requests upon the government of Illinois, Assistant State's Attorney Barnett, who procured the request for the extradition, left for Chicago, and will proceed from there to Washington. Governor Deneen will ask Secretary of State Healy to send Mr. Barnett to Washington with Sergeant Shippy, on account of Barnett's familiarity with the case.

Chicago, Ill. (Special).—Assistant State's Attorney Barbour made a demand on the United States government for a warship to bring Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive banker, now under arrest in Tangier, back to this country.

The request was sent by Mr. Barbour to Governor Deneen, framing a series of communications between the Governor and Acting Secretary of State Adee. Assistant Attorney Barbour urged the seeming peril of Paul O. Stensland's escape to foreign countries, where the prisoner might suddenly balk at the prospect of returning to the United States. Moreover, Mr. Barbour fears that Stensland may kill himself rather than face the advisability of having Stensland sent back to this country as a federal prisoner on board a warship.

Mr. Barbour's request for Dineen from the State Department at Washington stated that no "homing" warship will be available at Gibraltar for 40 or 50 days. The message was forwarded to Assistant State's Attorney Barbour here. This complication, according to Mr. Barbour, will necessitate the sending of a ship to Tangier from the state's attorney's office.

**Will Get Stensland.**

Chicago, Ill., (Special).—Assistant State's Attorney Barbour received from Collins, secretary of State, at Springfield, Ill., a telegram stating that Governor Deneen had signed the requisition papers for the extradition of Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive banker, now under arrest in Tangier, Morocco.

Mr. Barbour received a message from Assistant State's Attorney Olsen at Washington requesting that the authorities at Washington request Stensland to return without waiting for the formal papers from Governor Deneen. The prisoner was said to be willing to return to Chicago at once.

Secretary Fetzer, of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, which was looted by Stensland, receiving the following dispatch from Secretary of the Treasury Shaw in Washington:

"Assistant Secretary of State consulted the Solicitor of the State Department concerning the $12,000 deposit of Stensland in the French Bank at Tangier. The only thing for us to do now is to wait for the formal papers. The Solicitor of the State Department is of the opinion that the deposit of Stensland in the French Bank at Tangier is not subject to attachment."

**CANCELING OF MAIL CONTRACTS.**

Washington, (Special).—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson and the representatives of the beet sugar men have reached a compromise on the question of handling beet products, about which several conferences were held during the week. Under the pure food law enacted at the last session, Congress each food product must contain the name of percentage of the component parts of the product. The beet sugar men contended that to do so is that the name of the constituent of the product will be placed on the label of the can, but that the percentage will not be required.

**FINANCIAL WORLD.**

One big trader sold 25,000 shares of Reading.

Reading bulls say it will cross 200 in January.

Pennsylvania this week.

Rock Island, Erie & Seashore directors declared the regular quarterly dividends.

Stensland's friends said that German capitalists had offered to buy the Bank of Russia for $100,000,000.

Missouri Pacific's gross earnings for the fiscal year 1906 were $44,566,000, a gain of $1,401,000, while the net were $16,284,000, an increase of $1,249,000.

A director of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. says the new earnings of the corporation for the current calendar year will be between $48,000,000 and $5,000,000.

Atchison directors met, but took no action on the dividend, but predicted that the rate will be increased next month.

The illness of P. A. B. Wilener caused a good deal of Philadelphia and Reading Railway stock was bought in round to own more than a third of all the ordinary shares of stock. The market valge of 200,000 shares held is $5,600,000.

In the year which ended April 30 the American Smelting & Refining Company earned net $10,161,000, an increase of $1,262,000. The amount available for the dividend on the $50,000,000 of common stock was $5,774,000, or a little more than 11½ per cent.

It was reported that the big Rockefeller bank had sold to the United States Treasury $32,000,000 worth of Government bonds which will mature next year. There are $111,600,000 of this class of bonds outstanding, and it has been supposed that the Government will pay off at least $77,000,000 of them and likely refund the balance.

If a sale such as reported were to be made it would be a big help to the money market. There was no confirmation, however, and the rumor was set down as a "bull" canard.


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**NEWSY GLEANINGS**

One person in each 400 is insane in Ireland.

One of the destroyed village Vesuvius is to be rebuilt on the site.

The Government is preparing a ten-year program of railway construction.

The German Imperial estimates for 1907 show a gain of more than $1,500,000.

A wireless message told Hermann Oelrichs, of New York, that her husband had died at sea.

Archbishop Ireland says that the younger men want the Catholic Church Americanized, as he was now unthstand the hardships encountered in the Philippines based on the evidences of their recontinued to deduce and establish the fact that Solomon lived 1,000 years before Christ.

The Pretender to the throne concentrated his troops and fortifications on the Spanish frontier.

The Police of Warsaw, Russia, began to search the street cars and pedestrians, and hundreds of arrests were made.

The insurgents of the Nile Association are at the head in Sea Girt, N. J., and decided that the next annual meeting be held there.

Chester Gillette, the alleged slayer of Miss Grace Brown, was called to the witness stand in the Herkimer county court and denied that he had ever been engaged to Miss Brown.

**FEMININE NEWS NOTES**

Bernhardt is now a chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Cleveland is to have a hub of train girls for wifehood.

Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy of India, is a skilful horsewoman.

Miss Ethel Barrymore, daughter of the British Premier, died at the age of 27 years of consumption.

From a business point of view there is nothing so fatal for a woman as a reputation for cleverness.

Among the white races, horsemanship is the only sport followed by women. Yet the men run them.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland, wife of Professor Frodfeet, of Georgetown, Washington, N. H., recently entertained a party of friends.

Lady Laurier has the distinction of being the only woman who delivered a speech in the Canadian House of Parliament.

During the fourteenth time the legislative Council of Victoria to decide whether the province is entitled the right of suffrage on women.

Miss Kate Sanborn, one of the best known women authors of America, has published an interesting and unique illustrated book on collecting wall papers.

Mrs. H. H. Conger, wife of a former Ambassador to this country, recently sold to a Chicago man $70000 of her own jewels, which she had when with her husband in Pekin.

Miss Alexandra Tolstoi, the distinguished wife of her equally distinguished husband-astronomer, always allows any one to cut her hair but herself, and she uses short locks for pillows.

Miss Lucille Dauvoin, now of Belgium, who won over 100 prizes in the New York Herald's Fresh Air League for her drawings, has taken the first prize with the latest distinction for the visit of Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels.

**AIR CHARGERS.**

The first battle in airships has been fought.

"I hear," said one officer, "that general was in the very thick of fight!"

"Yes," responded another officer "he had sixteen gunbags punched over him."—Louisville Courier-Journal.


## Borthwick Theory

By E. C. DAWSON.

or John Borthwick closed door at 9.14 a. m., one minute ahead of scheduled time. This was to collect a scrap of his lawn and inter it decked bed of variegated lrives ng the naples bordering the

The sharp October breeze ut almost before his back ed, and his housekeeper, from an upper window, obn men with a vast amount showed an extraordinary mmon sense.

er Borthwick—with the all- nassioned after his name- the end of the block and corner that brought the of the Caledian Geological view. For a generation had been one of the departing stance over and above as the Borthwick Theory.

impossible, in scientific ers, the precise social period regions without reference to Borth Theory. It permeated actions of two decades of as inevitably as the knowthe earth's crust there are of certain horizons. The er the Theory was discussed and ignored and dissented of course, there was dissent- ery manifested at the first ected criticism from its beareasy economic possibilities ntroversial conferences, as yet fully explored. Not that Proborthwick ever claimed that ethod was infallible or even with economic questions; ness were centred in the ers. Every man was a ry had its origin in a of obscure fossils collected ers in early manhood, ed instructions had taken of a band of pioneers. Many n sold aside her paper.

"The new batch of fossils came in this morning's mail," she said. "I had them arranged in the sampling room."

"Fossils!" exclaimed the Professor replied; "from what he said it's just possible they have happened on something new."

He reverted to his letters. "Nothing of importance—oh, yes, one little stone near the magnifier, and dropped it in his head swam, a flickering of his throat and chest turned him sick and clammy, his head dropped limply on his hands.

"I'm dying for luncheon and a mouthful of fresh air," said Miss Dickson to the janitor, presently. "I won't be gone long, but don't forget any instructions about the Professor."

She took the air from the bridge opposite the quay, pitching stones into midstream with vigorous accuracy.

Thus the Borthwick Theory, remained unrefuted for a season, at all events, and Borthwick was fondly able period. But she saw in perspective a vista of weary days—she knew that the professor was the presence of the Theory; she could do it, by the Survey, be able to interest his team to this clumsy affair at such a point that it would drag along over the road with a slant of about forty-five degree.

He began with the road that ran in front of his own farm. When it was at its worst he drove up and down, from six in the morning to that of his nearest neighbor. Like a huge mason's trowel smoothing off mortar it received and, cutting down the inequalities and rough places and filling up the wagon ruts. He kept at it, and after a number of draggings, in place of the flat basin that had served as a water course for every storm to settle in he had built up a road with a crown and surface that was smooth enough to shed water "like a duck's back." In short, he simply demonstrated the soundness of his major premise, "if I can get rid of the mud the roads will cease to be muddy." The deed was made he called a "split log road drag."—Claud H. Miller, in Farming.

**A Princely Signalman.**

When the Duke Arthur of Connaught and his suite were recently traveling in the interior along a Canadian river a man standing on the bank began waving a pocket handkerchief on a stick, and the train stopped. He threw handkerchief from his pocket, waved back again. Then, turning round to the bystanders Prince Arthur said: "The man signaled the words 'Welcome to Canada,' and I have replied, 'Thank you.'" — New Haven Palladium.

**Sweet Attraction.**

"Labor like the ant," advised the sage student.

The lazy boy sulked. Presently he rushed back in great glee.

"Oh, mamma!" he exclaimed, excitedly. "Can I labor like the ant right now?"

"You certainly can, my son," replied the delighted mother. "Just what prompted you so suddenly?"

"Why, I just found an ant hill and am laboring around your jam-jars."—Chicago Daily News.

**Uncle Sam's Road Work.**

Probably no field of work is of greater interest to the public at large than the improvement of the highways. The Office of Public Roads, as now constituted, writes a correspondent from Washington, D. C., represents a distinct stage in the development of the work undertaken by the Federal Government in 1893 by the establishment of the Office of Road Inquiry. At the time of the establishment of the office, the lack of a knowledge of existing conditions was a serious hindrance to an intelligent application of any plan for road improvement. The name originally chosen for the office was suggestive of the purpose of Congress, which was to inquire into system of road management throughout the United States, and into methods of road making, and to disseminate information as to the results of such inquiries.

In a recent report on the subject the Secretary of Agriculture said the most important result which has been attained up to this time, whether produced by influence in or outside of the Office of Public Road Inquiries, is that the people in all parts of the country are now interested in the subject of road improvement, and will listen to and consider any information as to what it costs them to carry on the work along intelligent lines. It was found, therefore, that the demand could be provided for answering as well as forwarding inquiries, and at the same time the necessity for demonstrating scientific and economical methods of road construction instead of mere agitation has been clearly established.

While it is known in a general way that some parts of the country have progressed much further than others in the matter of road improvement, there is little available information regarding the actual mileage in repair in the various States and counties. If comprehensive statistics were available it would be found that large sums of money are annually invested in same sections, while in others surprisingly satisfactory results are obtained at a moderate cost. The office is now collecting information from every county in the United States in regard to the mileage of improved and unimproved roads, the amount of cash tax, bonds issued, and other information of a similar nature. No more cogent argument for reform in wasteful methods can be adduced than to bring home to every county just what results they are obtaining as compared with the results obtained by other counties at a similar cost.—The Automobile.


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